

FOUNTAIN COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, eleven Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

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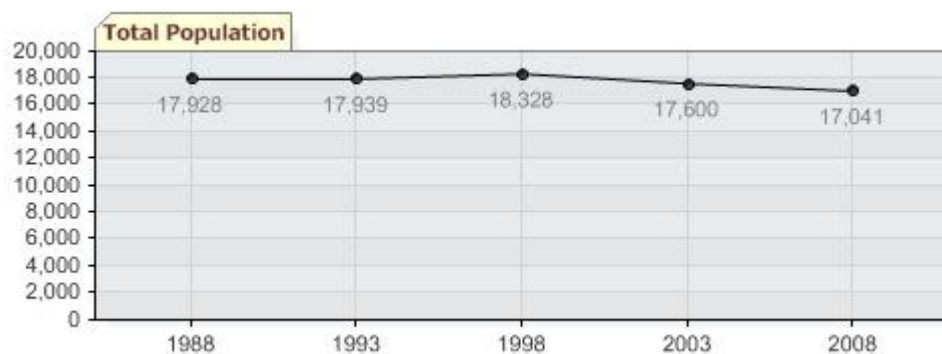
Location

Fountain County is located in west central Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Parke County. Tippecanoe County and Montgomery County are adjacent to Fountain County on the east, Warren is to the north, and Warren to the west. Fountain County is one of the twelve counties located in the area designated by the State of Indiana as Indiana Economic Growth Region 4.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

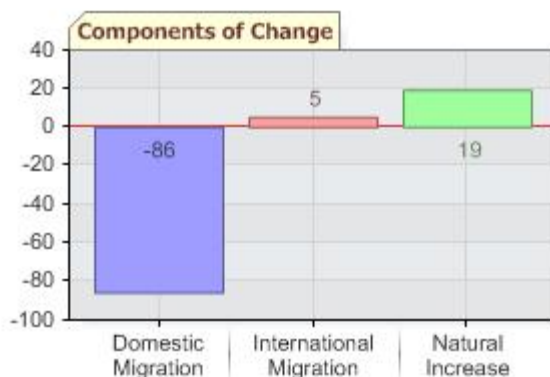
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	17,928	17,939	18,328	17,600	17,041
Change Since 1988		11	400	-328	-887
Pct. Change Since 1988		0.1%	2.2%	-1.8%	-4.9%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-86
International Migration	5
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	19
Births	210
Deaths	191



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

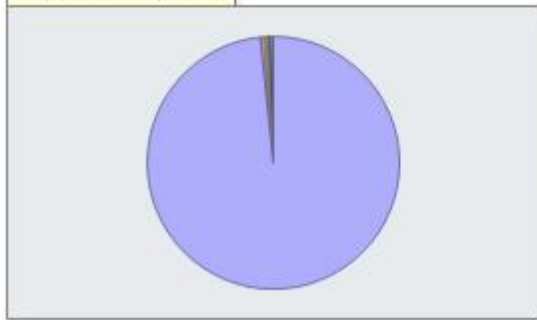
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,014	5.9%
School Age	3,079	18.0%
College Age	1,213	7.1%
Young Adult	4,378	25.6%
Older Adult	4,545	26.6%
Older (65 plus)	2,914	17.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	42	0.2%
Asian Alone	87	0.5%
Black Alone	73	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	1	0.0%
White Alone	16,857	98.5%
Two or More Race Groups	83	0.5%

Population by Race



98.53 %	White
0.43 %	Black
0.25 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.51 %	Asian
0.01 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.49 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	16,868	98.6%
Hispanic or Latino	275	1.6%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

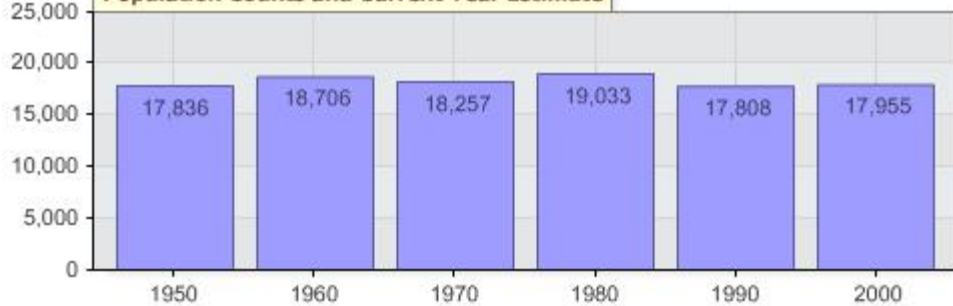
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	7,041	100.0%
Family Households	5,038	71.6%
Married with Children	1,778	25.3%
Married without Children	2,380	33.8%
Single Parents	519	7.4%
Other	361	5.1%
Non-family Households	2,003	28.4%
Living Alone	1,748	24.8%
Average Household Size	2.54	
Average Family Household Size	3.56	

Source: US Census Bureau

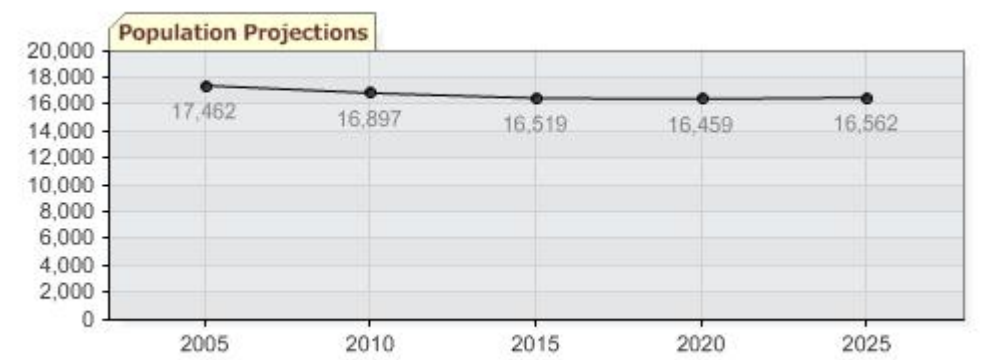
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	17,836	NA	NA
1960	18,706	870	4.9%
1970	18,257	-449	-2.4%
1980	19,033	776	4.3%
1990	17,808	-1,225	-6.4%
April 2000	17,955	147	0.8%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate



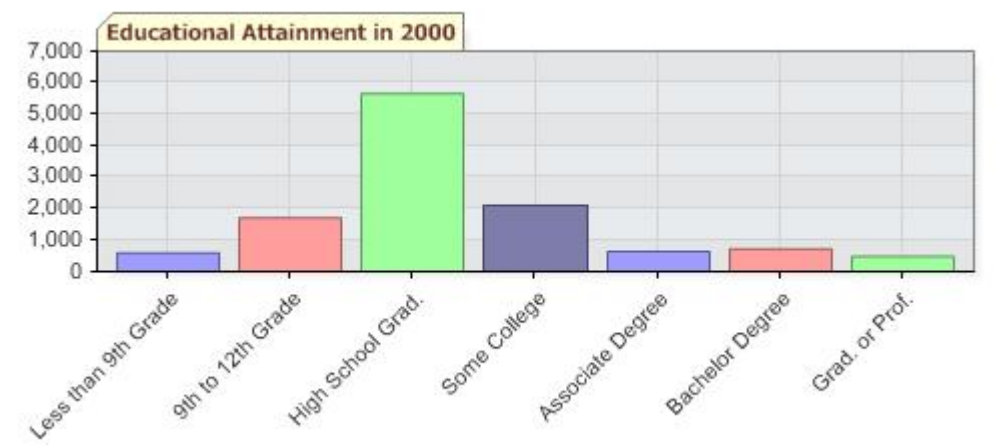
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	17,462	16,897	16,519	16,459	16,562
Change Since 2005		-565	-943	-1,003	-900
Pct. Change Since 2005		-3.2%	-5.4%	-5.7%	-5.2%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

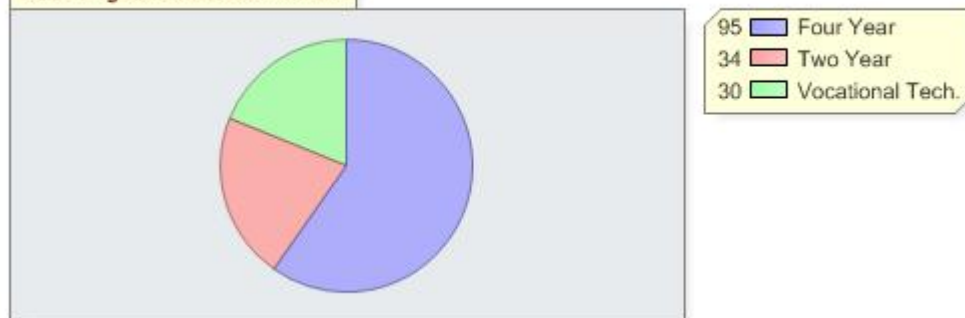
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	10,343	11,419	11,700	11,914
Less than 9th Grade	2,722	2,164	1,075	602
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,246	2,036	2,088	1,703
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	4,169	5,392	5,629	5,656
Some College, No Degree			1,604	2,109
Associate Degree			420	646
Bachelors Degree			499	718
Graduate or Professional Degree			385	480



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	188	151	186	190
Total to Higher Education	143	122	154	159
Four-Year Institution	87	60	91	95
Two-Year Institution	20	29	25	34
Vocational/Tech.	36	33	38	30
Military	5	4	3	5

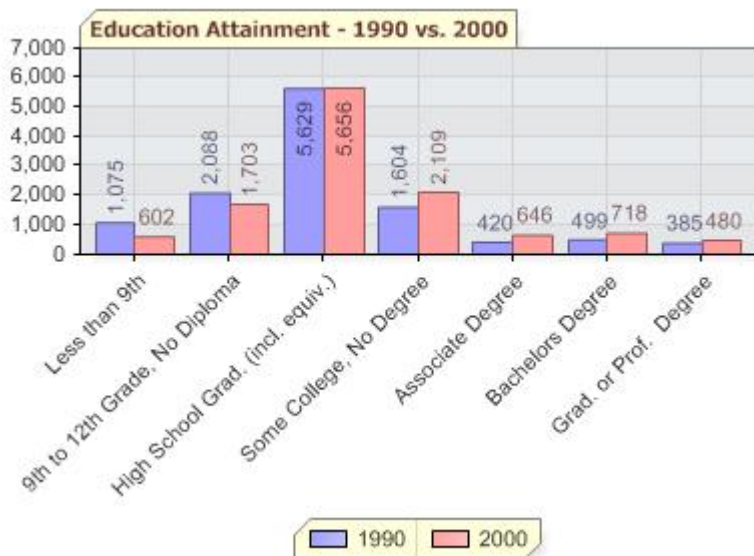
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	11,700	100.0%	11,914	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,075	9.2%	602	5.1%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,088	17.8%	1,703	14.3%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	5,629	48.1%	5,656	47.5%
Some College, No Degree	1,604	13.7%	2,109	17.7%
Associate Degree	420	3.6%	646	5.4%
Bachelors Degree	499	4.3%	718	6.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	385	3.3%	480	4.0%

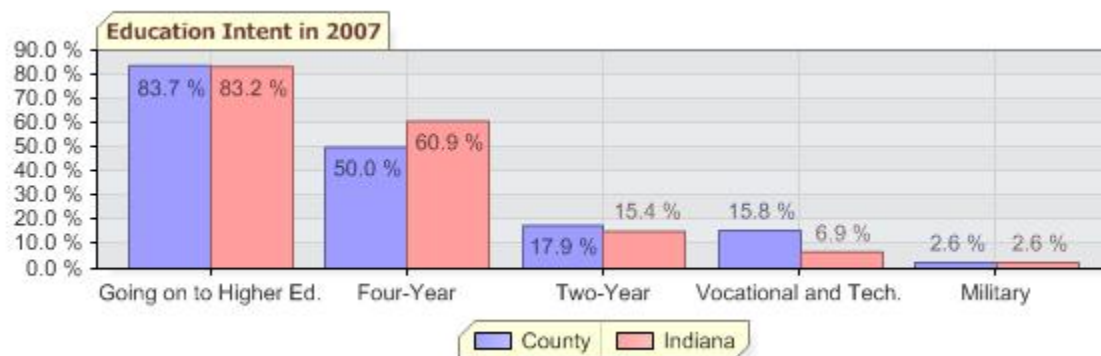


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	83.7%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	50.0%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	17.9%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	15.8%	6.9%
Military	2.6%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

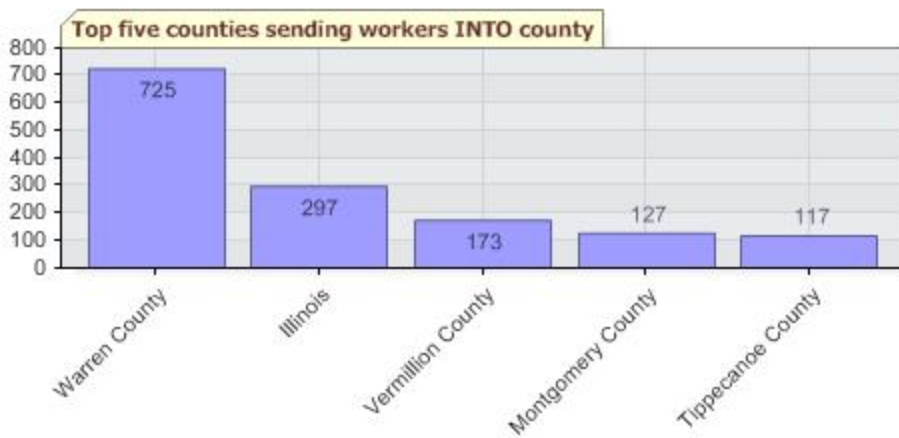
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	12,304
Number of tax filers who work in the county	10,100
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	8,360
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,740

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

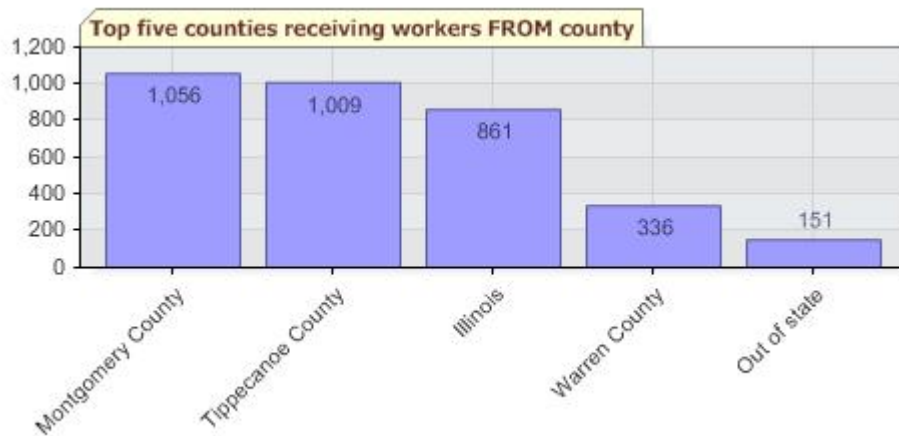
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Warren County	725	48.9%
Illinois	297	20.0%
Vermillion County	173	11.7%
Montgomery County	127	8.6%
Tippecanoe County	117	8.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Montgomery County	1,056	30.9%
Tippecanoe County	1,009	29.6%
Illinois	861	25.2%
Warren County	336	9.8%
Out of state	151	4.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

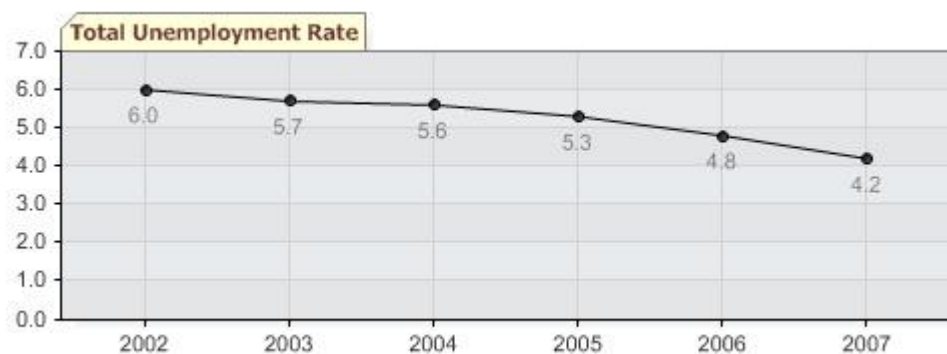
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	8,026	100.0%
Travel To Work	7,702	96.0%
Car, Truck, or Van	7,454	92.9%
Traveled Alone	6,310	78.6%
Carpooled	1,144	14.3%
Used Public Transportation	0	0.0%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	248	3.1%
Worked At Home	324	4.0%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	25.1	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	N/A	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

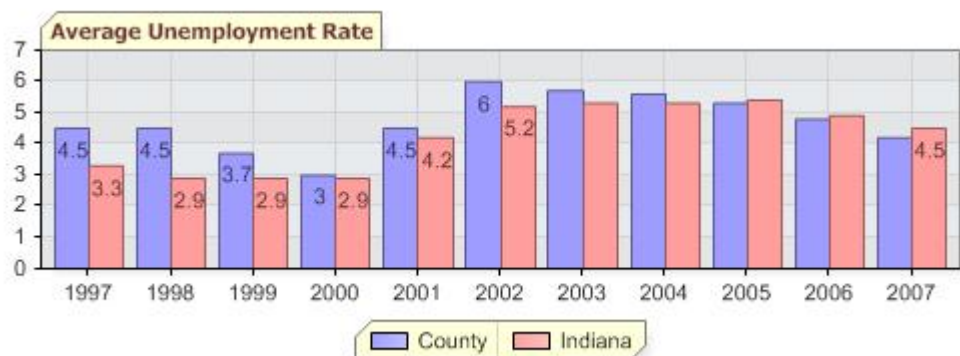
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	8,688	-0.2%
Employed	8,325	-1.4%
Unemployed	363	39.1%
Rate	4.2	40.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	8,747	8,357	390	4.5	3.3
1998	8,791	8,395	396	4.5	2.9
1999	8,785	8,459	326	3.7	2.9
2000	8,703	8,442	261	3.0	2.9
2001	8,629	8,243	386	4.5	4.2
2002	8,499	7,992	507	6.0	5.2
2003	8,367	7,889	478	5.7	5.3
2004	8,491	8,016	475	5.6	5.3
2005	8,788	8,320	468	5.3	5.4
2006	8,751	8,334	417	4.8	4.9
2007	8,688	8,325	363	4.2	4.5



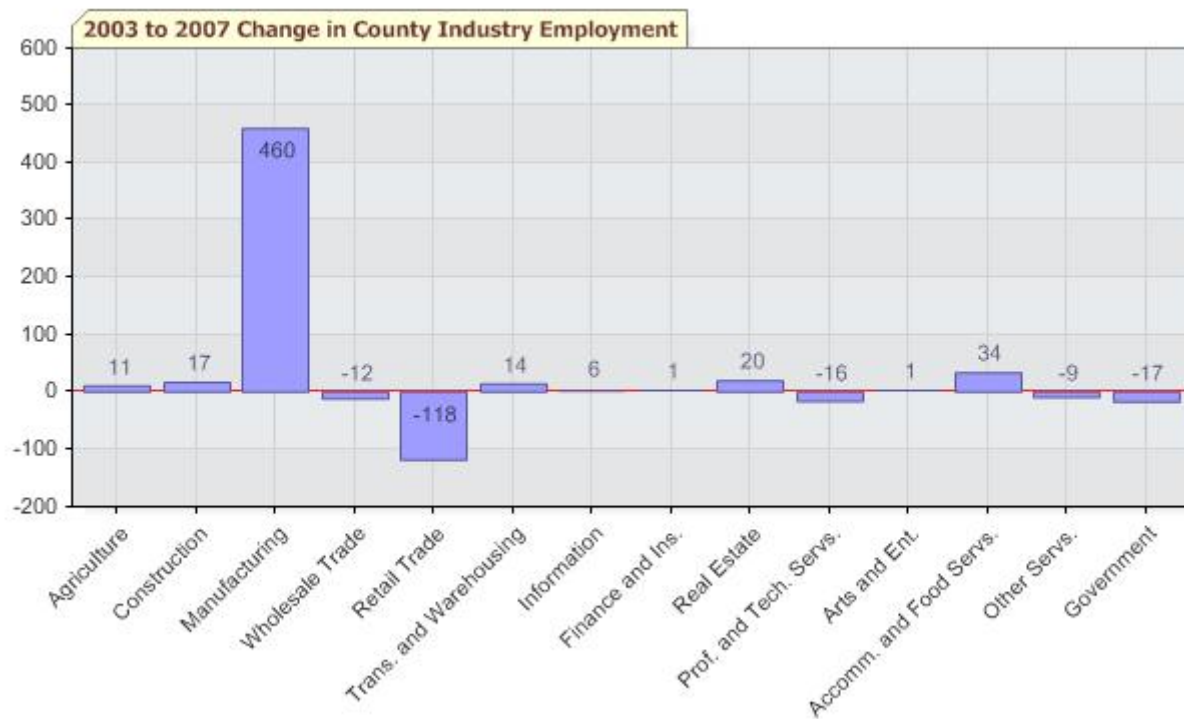
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	5,241	5,365	5,625	5,691	5,747	506	9.65%
Total Private Employment	4,344	4,493	4,743	4,818	4,867	523	12.04%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	62	53	54	74	73	11	17.74%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	109	116	120	121	126	17	15.60%
Manufacturing	2,059	2,232	2,492	2,464	2,519	460	22.34%
Wholesale Trade	99	90	95	101	87	-12	-12.12%
Retail Trade	716	642	606	606	598	-118	-16.48%
Transport. and Warehousing	64	70	68	75	78	14	21.88%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	9	N/A	N/A
Information	35	42	38	48	41	6	17.14%
Finance and Insurance	176	175	170	171	177	1	0.57%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	26	25	23	23	46	20	76.92%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	87	93	96	89	71	-16	-18.39%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	11	12	14	65	D	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	357	365	370	381	386	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	49	60	51	56	50	1	2.04%
Accommodation and Food Service	344	385	411	410	378	34	9.88%
Other Services	107	93	95	96	98	-9	-8.41%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	897	872	882	873	880	-17	-1.90%

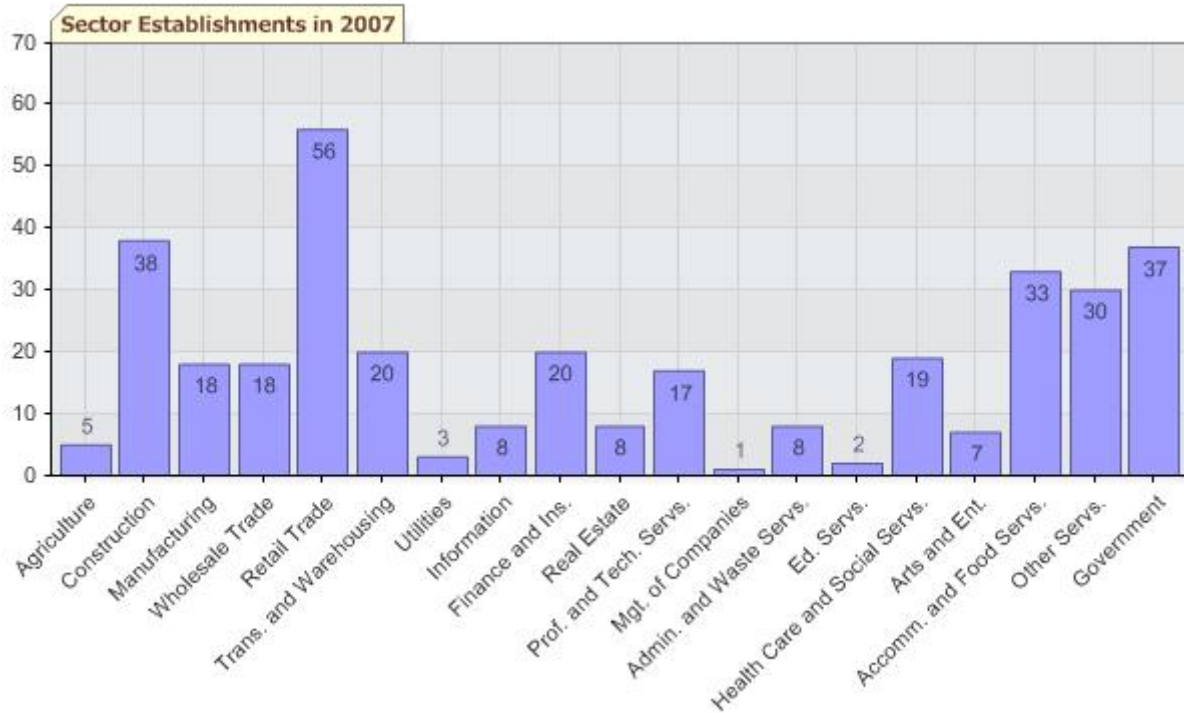


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	377	365	356	348	350	-27	-7.16%
Total Private Establishments	342	330	319	313	313	-29	-8.48%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	6	6	6	6	5	-1	-16.67%
Mining	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	40	42	42	40	38	-2	-5.00%
Manufacturing	19	19	18	18	18	-1	-5.26%
Wholesale Trade	21	20	21	19	18	-3	-14.29%
Retail Trade	70	64	60	57	56	-14	-20.00%
Transport. and Warehousing	26	25	21	20	20	-6	-23.08%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	3	N/A	N/A
Information	7	8	8	9	8	1	14.29%
Finance and Insurance	24	22	21	20	20	-4	-16.67%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	9	7	7	7	8	-1	-11.11%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	16	16	15	15	17	1	6.25%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	6	5	6	7	D	2	33.33%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	22	20	20	19	19	-3	-13.64%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	9	10	10	10	7	-2	-22.22%
Accommodation and Food Service	30	32	30	33	33	3	10.00%
Other Services	34	31	31	30	30	-4	-11.76%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	35	35	37	35	37	2	5.71%



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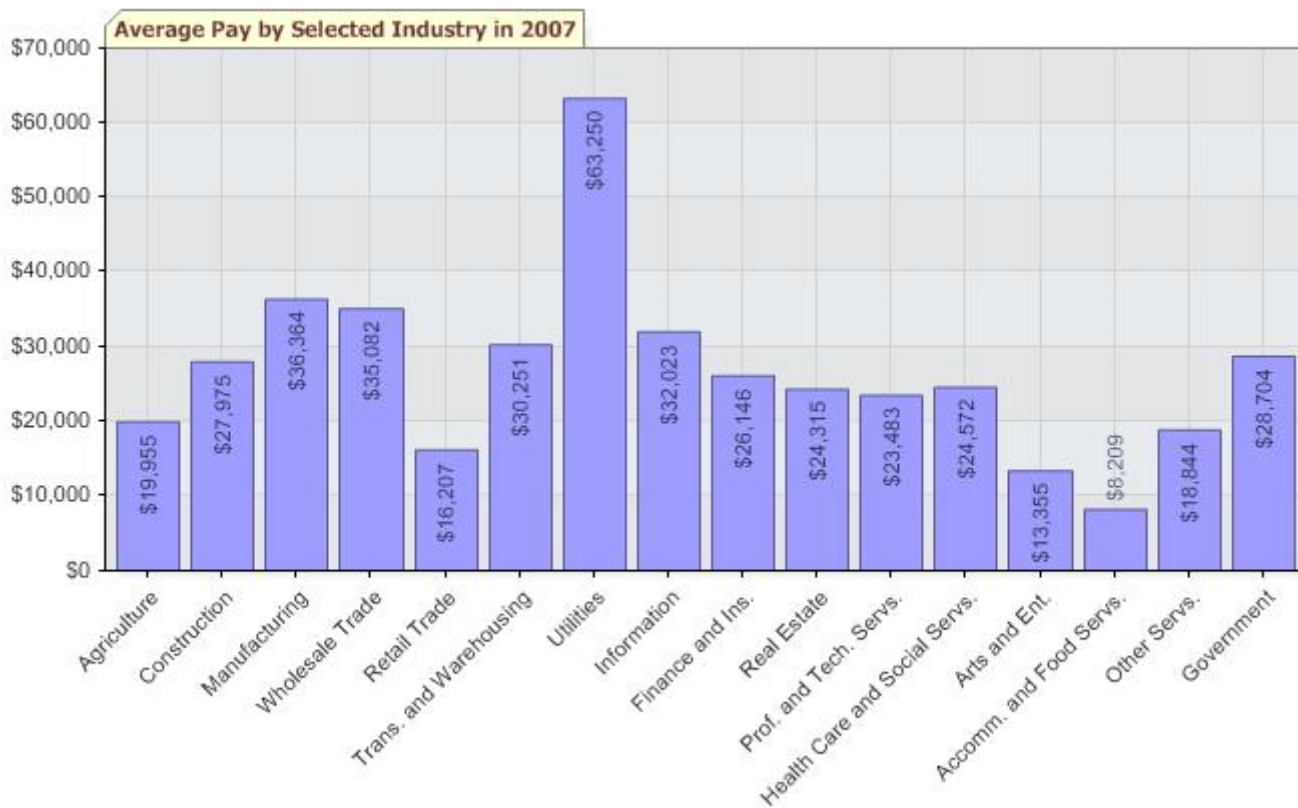
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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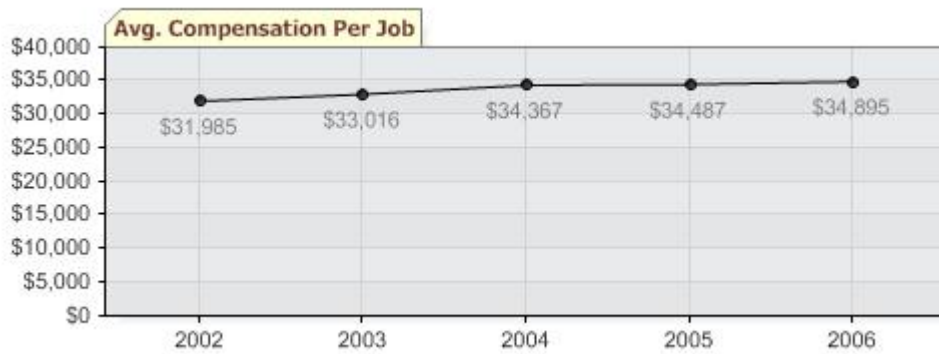
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$25,066	\$28,548	\$3,481	13.9%	\$37,530	76.1%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$21,812	\$19,955	-\$1,857	-8.5%	\$28,008	71.2%
Mining	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$24,892	\$27,975	\$3,082	12.4%	\$44,754	62.5%
Manufacturing	\$31,910	\$36,364	\$4,454	14.0%	\$51,148	71.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$29,348	\$35,082	\$5,734	19.5%	\$51,432	68.2%
Retail Trade	\$16,118	\$16,207	\$89	0.6%	\$22,581	71.8%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$28,176	\$30,251	\$2,075	7.4%	\$38,012	79.6%
Utilities	D	\$63,250	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	92.7%
Information	\$36,217	\$32,023	-\$4,194	-11.6%	\$46,311	69.1%
Finance & Insurance	\$24,916	\$26,146	\$1,230	4.9%	\$52,649	49.7%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$11,040	\$24,315	\$13,274	120.2%	\$32,614	74.6%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$21,500	\$23,483	\$1,983	9.2%	\$51,451	45.6%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$23,155	D	N/A	N/A	\$24,934	N/A
Education Svcs.	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$22,198	\$24,572	\$2,374	10.7%	\$37,706	65.2%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$11,773	\$13,355	\$1,582	13.4%	\$29,251	45.7%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$7,523	\$8,209	\$686	9.1%	\$12,442	66.0%
Other Svcs.	\$15,337	\$18,844	\$3,507	22.9%	\$24,862	75.8%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$25,810	\$28,704	\$2,895	11.2%	\$37,054	77.5%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

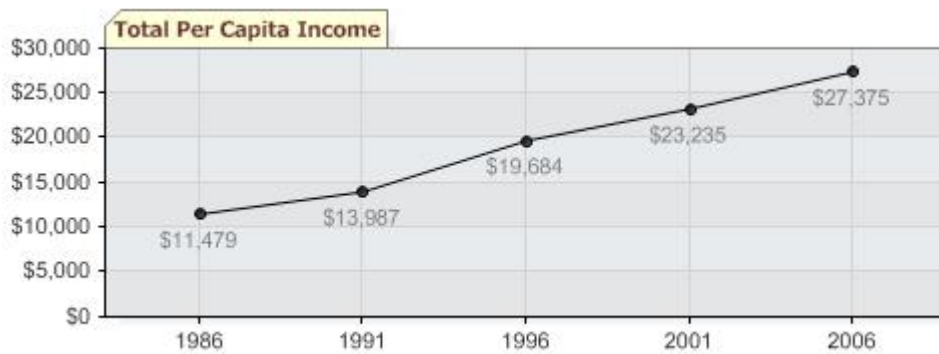
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$31,985	\$33,016	\$34,367	\$34,487	\$34,895
Change Since 2002		\$1,031	\$2,382	\$2,502	\$2,910
Pct. Change Since 2002		3.2%	7.4%	7.8%	9.1%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$11,479	\$13,987	\$19,684	\$23,235	\$27,375
Change Since 1986		\$2,508	\$8,205	\$11,756	\$15,896
Pct. Change Since 1986		21.8%	71.5%	102.4%	138.5%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$28,545
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	27.5%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

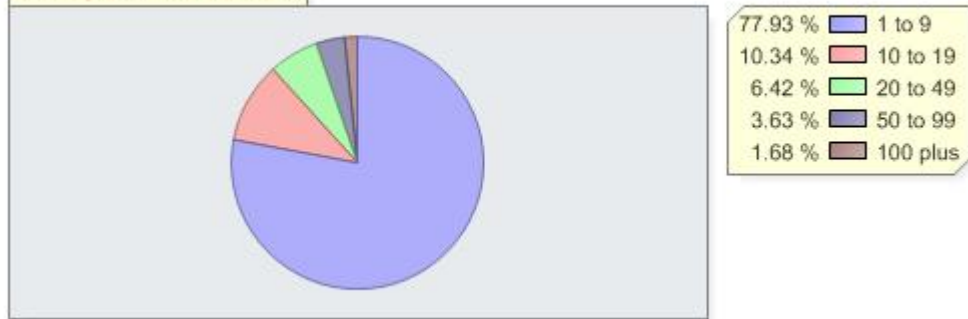
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County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	279	-40	-12.5%	77.9%
10-19 employees	37	-4	-9.8%	10.3%
20-49 employees	23	3	15.0%	6.4%

50-99 employees	13	3	30.0%	3.6%
100 plus employees	6	0	0.0%	1.7%
TOTAL	358	-38	-9.6%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

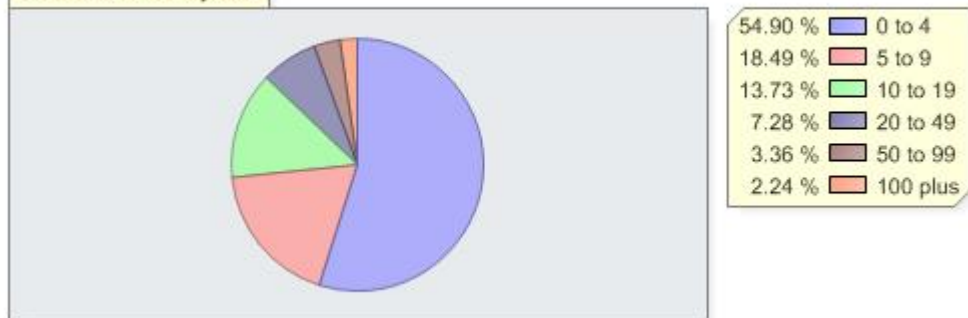


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	196	54.9%
5 to 9 employees	66	18.5%
10 to 19 employees	49	13.7%
20 to 49 employees	26	7.3%
50 to 99 employees	12	3.4%
100 plus employees	8	2.2%
TOTAL	357	100.0%

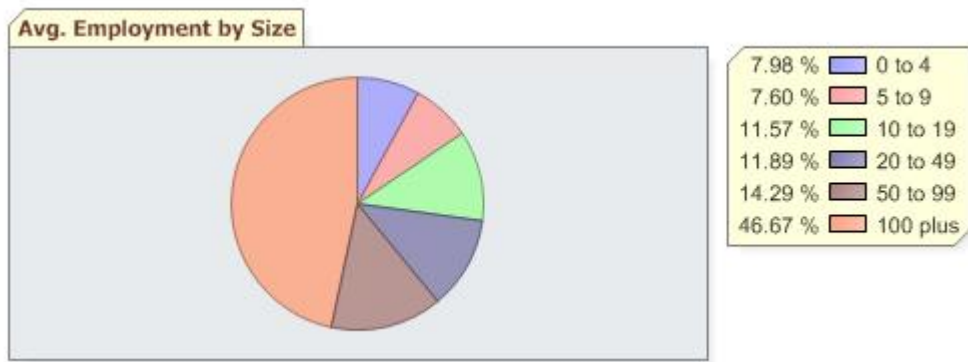
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	450	8.0%
5 to 9 employees	429	7.6%
10 to 19 employees	653	11.6%
20 to 49 employees	671	11.9%
50 to 99 employees	806	14.3%
100 plus employees	2,633	46.7%
TOTAL	5,642	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.